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4 to 6 October 1949

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1. a. About three thousand chevaux-de-frise were unloaded by Czechoslovakian soldiers at the KUBICEN (N 50/U 79) railroad station and piled behind the church of FOLMAVA (VOLIMAU - N 50/U 79).

Early October 1949

b. For ten days one truck was daily observed hauling ammunition from DOMAZLICE (N 50/P 70) to FOLMAVA. The ammunition was stored in the FOLMAVA customs house.

c. The FOLMAVA customs house was occupied by 20 to 25 young SNB men who had come from LIBEREC (O 51/G 16) and PRAGUE SNB schools.

5 and 6 October 1949

d. The road signs on the exit roads of FOLMAVA were removed.

10 October 1949

e. Eleven FOLMAVA families who were known to be Communists were issued arms. Each family received two or three carbines and pistols.

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Up to 10 September 1949

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2. a. Personnel of the 35th Inf Regt constructed wooden anti-tank obstacles along the border in the area of the Domazlice Pass. The obstacles were 6 to 10 feet high and about 3½ feet long. Up to 12 small demolition charges, the size of match boxes, were attached to an obstacle and interconnected by lead wire. Trees in the immediate vicinity of the obstacles were sawed off about 6½ feet from the ground.

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b. Iron obstacles (so-called "hedgehogs") were installed along the border in the VSEKUBY (N 50/U 89) area. A "hedgehog" weighed about 175 pounds and was about 8 feet high and wide. The arrival of about 40 railroad cars loaded with "hedgehogs" made in the Skoda Plant was observed.

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Early October 1949

3. It was reported that railroad cars loaded with mines were uncoupled several times at the KUBICEN railroad station.

First Half of October 1949

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a. The control measures in the border area west of PRACHATICE (N 50/Q 56) were intensified. SNB men previously on duty in this border sector had been relieved by new SNB personnel. Small details of Czechoslovakian Army personnel were also assigned to border duty.

b. The construction of observation towers was continued.

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Early August 1949

- 25X1 5. The PLANA (N 50/P 55) work detachment of the Military-Geographical Institute ("VZU") was scheduled to be transferred to the Bohemian Forest. The detachment had been constructing triangulation points in the southwestern border area.

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Late August 1949

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Comment:

a. The reports indicate that the construction of obstacles along the Czech-Bavarian border was continued. As the obstacles so far reported seem to be of little military value, it is assumed that they were primarily built for the prevention of illegal border traffic.

b. There has not been any substantiated information that mines were actually laid in the border zone. Although such information was founded on rumors, it seems quite possible that the border zone may have been mined, as it was reported from the Hungarian-Austrian border.

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c. The information on small demolition charges being attached to obstacles may be true. They are presumably meant to discourage illegal border crossers and to alarm border guards.

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